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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mark Crockett, et al.

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 3751

SERIAL NO.: 10/617,950

§ EXAMINER: Huyen D. Le

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FOR: MICROMACHINED INTEGRATED
FLUID DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING
EQUIPMENT§ Atty Docket No.: AM-6051.P1
(1630-102)

§ Date: May 11, 2006

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

Mail Stop RCE
 Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response of May 23, 2006.

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Applicants have authorized the Commissioner to charge the fees due for filing this Request for Continued Examination in the Transmittal Letter which accompanies this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "C"
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment "C" accompanies a Request for Continued Examination in the subject application. This Preliminary Amendment "C" is in response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory response period of May 23, 2006.

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Claims 1, 6 - 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 - 36, 42, and 44 - 55 are pending in the application. These claims are all under final rejection in the parent application.

Claims 7, 9, 25, 27, 45, 53 - 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 6 - 9, 12 - 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 - 27, 29-32, 34 - 36, 42, 44, 45, and 47 - 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morel et al. (5,094,268).

Claims 10, 11, 28, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morel et al. (5,094,268).

Claims 52 - 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morel et al. (5,094,268).

Claims 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morel et al. (5,094,268) in view of Fenwick et al. (4,570,675).

Please amend the application as follows: